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Sir:

In response to the Office letter of March 7, 2002, applicant elects claims 44-81 in Group I for prosecution herein. The right to file a divisional application for the subject matter of the claims of Group II is reserved.

At this time, applicant also submits a copy of U. S. patent No. 4,385,685, which is the counterpart of DE 30 422 05 Al, cited in corresponding German utility model No. DE 29 824 557 U.

Examination of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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